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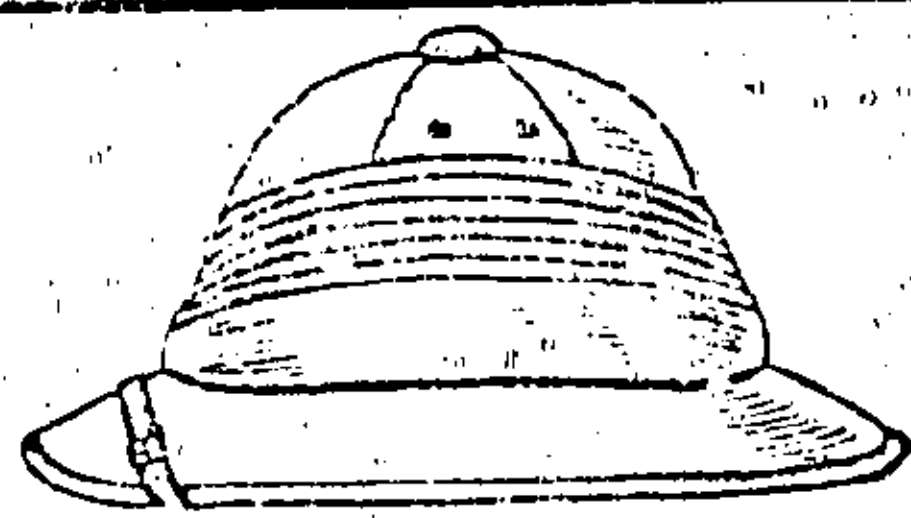
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MERCANTILE BANK. A POSITION OF STRENGTH.

The twenty-ninth annual general meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., was held on April 4th, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C. Mr. R. J. Black, chairman of the company, presided.

The Chairman said the report and accounts reveal a position of strength, soundness, and liquidity which, in times such as these, is so essential and necessary to withstand the strain of the worldwide collapse in commerce, and the slow and difficult progress of its reconstruction. 1921 was a year of liquidation, not expansion, and until the wreckage of the boom of 1919 is completely swept away, there can be no sound revival, and that will still require time. I think I may say that the general feeling is that the position has seen its worst, the process of thawing frozen credits is proceeding, and it is only a matter of time before the way will be clear for a revival of trade, other things permitting.

RUPPE EXCHANGE.

Apart from the matter of exchange, it should be borne in mind that the general impoverishment of the world must restrict the power of purchasing; it is the natural concomitant of war such as the last, and the only remedy for that is time, thrift, and patience. With one slight flicker of activity in the early autumn, rupee exchange has fluctuated throughout the year within moderate limits, i.e., between 1s. 3½d. and 1s. 3½d., and there is nothing at present and with the existing outlook of foreign trade, to indicate any early advance. We are in the dark as to the policy of the Government in regard to the fixity of the value of the rupee at 2s., which for the time being is anomalous. The Finance Minister of India, in his recent Budget speech, carefully abstained from passing any opinion on the future, and the official estimates for 1922-23 were based on an exchange of 1s. 4d., as against 1s. 3½d. in the previous year.

Everyone who knows India must be aware that disaffection is growing, and it is a plant that expands very rapidly by neglect. The masses of India did not cry for reform of this far-reaching nature, and look, I think, with consternation on the latitude given to the so-called reformer or agitator in his reckless preaching of treason and sedition. They attribute it to weakness, and want a governing power as dangerous as the country, and, if not checked, it will alienate the faith, loyalty, and respect for British rule—which was unbounded. The evolution of self-government should be gradual in a country such as India, but the present tendency is to run before they can walk, and to introduce drastic and far-reaching measures before the country is ripe to receive them.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

The figures in the balance-sheet are based on the rupee at 1s. 4d., and, as I told you last year, we have not varied that rate throughout, so there is no allowance to be made for exchange in comparison with previous years, except in the expenses of management, which show a shrinkage of some £20,000 owing to conversion of foreign payments at the lower rate. The contraction, therefore, in the figures before you is solely due to the restrictions of business, and, as is best described by the term I have already used, "the thawing of frozen credits," i.e., "loans receivable and advances" have declined from £28,755,910 to £25,919,539. You will notice, no doubt, the high ratio our liquid resources bear to current fixed deposits, etc., about 75 per cent.; it is high and does denote active trade, but in their uncertain and anxious days I think it is to be appreciated. For the same reason, our holding of Government and other stocks has increased by £13,549, but we have still to meet the cost of our new buildings in Madras, Rangoon, and Kota Bharu. On the other side of the account, our paid-up capital is unchanged at £1,050,000, and the reserve fund is now £1,150,000. The note circulation in China has increased by £127,583 to £234,388, and current fixed deposits and other accounts have declined £23,149,775, chiefly due to the withdrawal of short deposits in the East.

Turning to the profit and loss account the gross profits are £631,868, as against £549,123 in the previous year but expenses of management are less by £20,080, as already explained. The allocation of the profits is fully described in the report, and you will notice that the interim dividend last year absorbed £84,000, as compared with £60,000 previously, owing to the issue of "C" shares in 1920 being in full operation during the year under review. We propose a final dividend of 8 per cent. for which a further £84,000 will be required, and the amount carried forward to this year will be £137,871 8s. 10d., as against £127,638 7s. 1d. brought in. I now beg to propose:—That the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts, and balance-sheet at December 31st, 1921, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved, and adopted and that a final dividend on the "A," "B," and "C" shares of this bank of 8 per cent. be paid making 18 per cent. for the year, less income-tax, as recommended in the report and the same is hereby confirmed. The resolution was carried unanimously.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

C. Y. CHENG ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN

[BY THE CONFERENCE REPORTER.]

After the addresses of welcome and greetings in the opening session of the National Christian Conference on Tuesday afternoon, the great gathering of 1,000 representatives of the Christian Churches in China was able to settle down to business at the Wednesday session. Following the refreshing and quieting half hour of Devotions led by Henry T. Hodgkin, M.D., in a way which combined very effectively prepared topics of prayer and quieting periods of silent worship, Bishop Graves, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, took the chair, as, at the opening session, and called for the suggested Rules of Order proposed by the Committee of Arrangements and Denominations for officers of the Conference.

THE TEMPER OF THE CHINESE DELEGATES.

The suggested rules were in the hands of every delegate, having been printed in the conference Bulletin which provides the daily programme and presents all material necessary for an understanding of the part of each delegate of the business of the Conference, together with a digest of all important reports. There had been considerable discussion of these rules on the part of members of the Conference and correspondence concerning them had been published in the Shanghai press previous to the Conference, so it was anticipated that there would be discussion from the floor upon these rules. This anticipation proved correct, although the discussion did not take the precise form that had been expected. A motion to adopt the rules as a whole, with a single addition to the second article providing for full discussion of the question to come up later regarding the formation of a National Christian Council, was made, seconded and passed. But owing to the lack of adequate translation, a protest from certain Chinese members was made on the ground that they could not vote intelligently. After considerable discussion in which the Conference managed to tangle itself up fairly well, the matter was eventually cleared up. It is mentioned in this report as significant in that it shows the temper of the Chinese delegates, who expressed frankly extreme dissatisfaction with any conduct of the Conference that failed to make the Chinese language the primary language of the Conference. The "spirit" shown by the Chinese proves the truth of Rev. Z. T. Kuang's prophecy in the opening session that this Conference was to witness the birth of a new Chinese attitude towards the Christian Church and acceptance on the part of the Chinese of full responsibility for the control thereof. The rules adopted are what might be expected for an effective maintenance of the business of so large a Conference. Provision is made for any delegate desiring to take part in the discussion of any topic to express that desire by giving notice to the Chairman, either the day before or during the current session. But the Chairman is authorised to select speakers in such a way as to ensure the adequate presentation of different viewpoints.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Following the adoption of the rules, the Conference unanimously elected Rev. C. Y. Cheng, D.D., as Chairman of the Conference, and Bishop Graves relinquished the chair to the permanent Chairman. Dr. Cheng then gave his address as Chairman, in which he set forth various conditions, partly environmental, partly due to the spirit of the times, partly arising from within the Church in the growing desire for self-activity on the part of Chinese, expressed in dissatisfaction with certain aspects of foreign control which forced Christians in China to re-survey the conditions and to think forward in order to make provision for the expanding life of the future. Under new conditions in which mission and missionary must decrease as the Chinese control of Christian work and Chinese leadership increases. He said that the Chinese Church must be a living Church. Its own life can be developed only through self-activity, even at the risk of false steps and preliminary mistakes. But increasing self-development on the part of the Chinese Church does not mean that the Chinese will request missionaries to leave. Their advice, their criticism, and their spontaneous service are needed. Chinese Christian independence does not mean that there is to be a new Gospel in China; a new Christ; a new programme. There is no salvation outside of Christ. What is needed is greater earnestness in mediating Jesus Christ to men—larger thoughtfulness of their points of view, mutual appreciation and understanding, that together Western and Chinese workers may be inspired, through co-operative effort, and mutual progress, to lead China out of darkness into light. The Word of Christ to the newly-born Chinese Church is found in His words regarding Lazarus: "Loose him and let him go."

LECTION OF OFFICERS.

After Dr. Cheng's speech there was just time in the morning session to elect as Conference officers and members of the Business Committee, the nominees presented by the Committee on Arrangements. The officers are as follows:—Rev. C. Y. Cheng, D.D. (Chairman); Harold Balme, F.R.C.S., P.Ph., M.D., F.R.C.P., Rev. K. T. Chung, Rev. P. F. Price, D.D. (Vice-Chairman); Rev. E. C. Lobenstein, Miss Maryway Wood, Rev. C. P. Wang, Mr. S. P. Chuan (Secretaries); Rev. Shen Wen Ching, Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling, Mr. F. C. Hu, Rev. N. A. Larsen, Rev. H. R. Rattenbury, Rev. George Davis (Recording Secretaries); L. O. Porter and F. C. Chou (Translators); David Z. T. Yui, M.A., Ph.D. (Chairman of Business Committee). The Business Committee consisted of forty members. Bishop Graves, D.D., as Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, was made ex-officio member of the Business Committee.

THE PRESENT STATE OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA.

The afternoon session opened with the presentation by Bishop Roots of a statement concerning Commission I. The report of this Commission, a volume of 125 pages, on "The Present State of Christianity in China" was in the hands of every delegate to the Conference. The report itself is based upon the monumental "Survey" of the Christian occupation of China, a volume just published which is the result of three years of intense survey work, conducted under the leadership of Rev. Milton T. Stauffer and undoubtedly representing the most thorough-going and scientific survey of Christian work that has ever been produced. With this survey as a basis for the work of Commission I, must be coupled the report of the China Educational Commission, a volume of 200 pages, which is also a notable statement by educational experts after a thorough and exhaustive study of educational conditions and problems in China, and in particular the situation in Christian education. The work of Commission I, in addition to this exhaustive material, was also based on several widely circulated questionnaires and reports, altogether the work of scores of individuals in addition to the comparatively large number of individuals who actually wrote chapters in the report.

Bishop Roots pointed out that the "Survey" of Christian work in China based on these reports indicated the surprising magnitude of the work. He further said that a careful examination of the opposition faced by Christianity in China showed that no greater obstacle to its growth in this field than it meets with in the West. Bishop Roots noted that the presence of such Christian forces as Commission I sets forth cannot be accounted for by anything less than referring it to the power of Almighty God. The work of God, as seen in the story of present conditions, inspires to new fervour for the enlarged work that must meet the challenging opportunities of the future.

Following Bishop Roots' address, Professor T. C. Chao presented a paper in which he discussed the strength and weakness of the Church in China, pointing out that an element of great strength lies in the far higher percentage of literacy in the Christian community than in the general population and the large proportion (1 in 20) of Chinese students who are in Christian schools. The chief weakness which Professor T. C. Chao pointed out lies in the danger of a "revival" message for conduct and life which may lead to the development of a permanent Church without a permanent Christianity. Too often worshippers of idols converted to Christianity carry over into Christian worship the habits of their older faith, laying too much emphasis upon the external symbol with too little appreciation of spiritual values. Professor Chao pointed out the danger that a Christian Church developed in the environment of one or two generations ago should not be flexible enough to meet changed conditions. In view of the changed intellectual environment in China, it is most essential that science and Christian experience go hand in hand, developing forms of expression for the Christian message adequate to these modern times, instead of forcing the living thought of today into a procurstean bed of fourth or sixteenth century European theological and ecclesiastical formulae.

THE CHINA CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

The afternoon session was closed with a report given also by Bishop Roots on the work of the China Continuation Committee for the last nine years. This Committee, known as the C.C.C., appointed by the last general conference of Christian workers in 1913, has during those years and in this report summed up the work of this period and hands down the task imposed upon it by the mandate of the last National Christian Conference. Bishop Roots did not endeavour to outline the complex reports which have been issued by this Committee, nor the suggested investigations adopted, nor even a list of the vast range of topics that he has discussed in these years, but simply emphasised one thing—the spiritual value achieved by the Committee through the training given to every member in considering every Christian problem from a nation-wide and nation Protestant point of view. In the give-and-take of Committee discussion, even such diverse elements as the "spiky" Anglicans and the American Southern Baptists could work in fellowship for the coming of the one Kingdom of God. Bishop Roots closed his remarkable report with a worthy appreciation of the two secretaries of the Committee, Dr. C. Y. Cheng and Rev. F. C. Lobenstein, through whose complete devotion to the work of the Committee and indefatigable sacrifice for the cause of a nation-wide Christianity the achievements on the part of the Committee have been due.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GORDON & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAY and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1922. [975]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE KERR STEAMSHIP CO., INC.

THE Steamer

"BLOSSOM HEATH"

having arrived from New York via ports, on TUESDAY, 5th May, Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., and stored at their risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed, and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where the examination will be held on the 9th May, at 11 A.M. All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on or after the 9th May, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their B/L for Countersignature immediately to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

THE KERR STEAMSHIP CO., INC. [959]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1922. [979]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1922. [982]

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SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. A. Redmond, winner of the final round of the Club Championship, defeated J. B. Penman, the holder of the championship for 1931, in a very decisive manner, yesterday, by three sets to love, or, eighteen games to four.

The match was a very one-sided affair. Redmond having the distinct advantage throughout. Penman played a very disappointing game and it was evident that he was not in good form; there was no doubt as to the winner from the commencement. Redmond found Penman's weak spot early, and scored a great many of his points by playing down the right hand side of his opponent's court. His services were also remarkably good and playing principally from the base line with a variety of screw strokes, had his opponent guessing most of the time. Redmond's only fault was that he served rather more than the average number of double faults, which, if he had been seriously pressed, might have cost him the match.

Regarding Penman's play, it was very obvious that he was off colour, but even if he had been at the top of his form, it would be a wild hazard to say that he would have won.

The scores were 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. The semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles were played off on Monday and resulted as follows:—

J. B. Penman and Mrs. Armstrong (over 30) beat M. J. and Mrs. Stark (reg. 15), 6-4, 6-4. F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Lawes (over 15) beat Mr. and Mrs. Grimble (reg. 3/6), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

A Division			
	P.	W.	L.
G.R.C.	1	0	1
I.R.C.	1	0	1
V.S.R.C.	1	0	1
K.C.C.	1	0	1
H.K.C.C.	1	0	1
G.S.C.C.	1	0	1
Club de R.	0	0	0
M.B.K.	0	0	0

B Division			
	P.	W.	L.
G.R.C.	2	0	2
Police	2	1	1
M.B.K.	1	1	0
C.C.C.	2	1	1
United	1	1	0
Q.C.C.	1	0	1
I.R.C.	1	0	1
Club de R.	1	0	1
G.S.C.C.	1	0	1
K.C.C.	0	0	0

GOLF.

TAGGART CHALLENGE CUP.

Mrs. Crawford won the "Taggart" Challenge Cup at Fanning (New Course), beating Mrs. Redmond in the final by 2 and 1, after a very close game. There are two competitions this month to interest lady players at Deep Water Bay. There is a Bogey pool throughout the month, and on each Tuesday there is a qualifying round for the Captain's Cup.

BILLIARDS.

The draw for the Billiards Handicap at the Victoria Recreation Club has resulted as follows:—
W. Gerrard (—125) meets E. F. Medina (—100), May 15th; H. Davies (—50) meets R. F. Luz (—250), May 16th; S. Windrim (—50) meets E. A. Noronha (—75), May 17th; R. Earnshaw (—100) meets A. C. Razzario (—150), May 18th; L. G. Remedios (—125) meets A. A. Botelho (ser.), May 19th; G. A. Jack (ser.) meets C. Earnshaw (—200), May 22nd; E. Remedios (—75) meets E. de Souza (—75), May 23rd; P. Kvanovich (—300) meets F. Bromley (—150), May 24th.
The game is 250 up and to commence each evening at 6 p.m.

In the Palace Hotel Tournament last night, W. G. Gerrard (—100) beat S. E. Silva (—250). The final scores were: Gerrard, 250; Silva, 100. Highest Breaks: Gerrard, 19, 17, 10, 14; Silva, 36, 27, 20, 22, 18, 15, 13, 15.
On Thursday at 9 p.m. C. Bend (—75) plays J. Parkes (—200). This match is a semi-final.

ILL-TREATING A "MUI TSAI" DEFENDANT FORFEITS \$500 BAIL.

The case in which a Cantonese lady living at No. 234, China Road, was charged last week at the Magistracy with ill-treating a little mui tsai servant girl came again before Mr. Fraser, at the Magistracy, yesterday afternoon. The defendant, who had been released on a bail of \$500 did not appear to answer to the charge, and the bail was forfeited. The Magistrate ordered the girl to be sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for protection.

The ill-treatment alleged was that of beating the child with the bamboo end of a feather duster for the space of one hour. The girl's arms were shown to the Magistrate at the first hearing of the case. They were a mass of weals, bruises, and Sub-Inspector Patterson, who had charge of the case, said that on her right thigh alone there were no less than 22 bruises. The woman's excuse for beating the mui tsai was that she did not properly attend to her wants. After receiving the whipping the girl decided to go to the police for protection and police proceedings were accordingly taken against the woman.

YESTERDAY'S MOTOR CASES. MOTORING AT KOWLOON.

Yesterday at the Magistracy a number of motor cases came up for hearing before Mr. Fraser.

The first on the list was a summons against Commander G. B. Palmer for driving his motor-cycle, No. 365, on the wrong side of Salisbury Road, Kowloon.

Commander Palmer admitted the offence but said, that he had acted in ignorance. On the occasion of the offence he was visiting Kowloon for the first time. He disembarked his cycle from the Star Ferry at the extreme right of the ferry landing. Thinking that the ricksha stand, running down the centre of Salisbury Road, was the left hand side of the road, he mounted and drove away. He afterwards discovered that he should have kept to the left of the stands. The offence was due to his ignorance of the locality.

The Traffic Inspector agreed that it was quite easy to make the mistake and the Magistrate agreed to dismiss the summons. A similar summons against Mr. D. M. Larkins, of Messrs. Boiss & Co., was also dismissed on the same grounds.

The driver of motor-car No. 6, belonging to the Dragon Motor Company, was charged with reckless driving and to the danger of the public in Nathan Road. The driver admitted that his car was travelling at the rate of 25 miles per hour.

Mr. Wilson, who appeared on behalf of the Dragon Motor Company, said that he had made enquiries into the case and found that the car was going fast but the speed was not reckless. A number of Public Works Departmental Officials were in the car and they had agreed that the car was going fast, but not recklessly.

Sergeant Mason said that the speedometer of his motor-cycle was registering 40 miles per hour and he was riding just behind the car. The car went right through the control area at a very speed.

The Magistrate: Has this man been here before?

Inspector Gerrard: Only five times. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

For driving motor car No. 243 at a speed of 25 to 30 miles per hour through the control area in Nathan Road Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee's chauffeur was fined \$10. The defendant denied Sergeant Mason's estimate of the speed and said that he was going at not more than 15 miles per hour.

NAVAL ACCIDENT.

OFFICER AND TWO OTHERS INJURED ON THE H.M.S. "CAIRO."

An officer, a member of the crew and a Naval dockyard employee were injured as the result of an accidental discharge of a gun on board the H.M.S. "Cairo" on Monday.

It appears that gun tests were being carried out on board and one of the guns, which was not supposed to be loaded, contained a blank charge; this on being tested went off. Lieut. Graham and Mr. Sandford, of the Electrical Department of the Naval Yard, who were standing in front of the gun, received the full force of the explosion. They both received a number of superficial injuries from burns and scalding and Mr. Sandford had to be sent to the Royal Naval Hospital for treatment, one of his eyes being affected. A member of the crew, Electrical Attendant Mallinson, also received slight injuries.

A Court of Inquiry was held on board the H.M.S. "Cairo" yesterday, but the Court sat in camera and no official account of the accident has been made public.

MURDER AND MUTILATION. DREADFUL DISCOVERY IN DEEP BAY.

A fisherman in Deep Bay recently made a horrible discovery: he fished up in his net the upper portion of a human being; the trunk had been sawn off from just below the armpits, so that what the fisherman found was only the bust. The hands were tied together and the dreadful fragment of humanity was weighted with stones.

Some days ago, a party of Chinese left the village of Sun Tsun to go fishing in Deep Bay. On the first of May they were attacked by another boat party and two of them, it is believed, were murdered; one was the man whose mutilated corpse has been found and the other was his brother, whose body has not yet been recovered. A younger brother, Tang Sing, aged 16, escaped alive by swimming ashore, and brought the news of the affair to his mother in Sun Tsun. "My brothers are killed and I, even I, only am left to tell the tale," he told the horror-stricken woman.

It is supposed that this dreadful affair is the outcome of a long-standing feud between the Tang family (who are the victims) and the Tam family. Four men were charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, with being concerned in the murder and were remanded for the preparation of evidence.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS.

BRIDE MISTAKEN FOR CASUALTY.

It is to be feared that a Yunnan bride, who was being taken by her mother to her future home, did not enter upon married life in a very hopeful or joyous spirit. At any rate, an ambulance driver who met her mistook her for a hospital case!

It came about in this way. The ambulance at Tsun-tsu-tsi was telephoned for to take an urgent case to hospital; somebody who had been shot. When approaching the address given, the ambulance driver was hailed by a woman who appeared to be helping a younger woman along. The driver jumped to the conclusion that there was his "casualty," tired of waiting and came out to meet the ambulance.

The two women clambered into the ambulance which "about turned" and dashed off towards Kwong Wah Hospital on its mission of help. On the way the driver was asked to pull up at a certain house. He did so, thinking that his patient had a message to leave with friends there. To his surprise, however, they alighted and he then found that his majestic vehicle had been mistaken for the latest addition to the local bus service and that he had been hailed on that supposition.

Injury was added to insult, for he was offered ten cents for the fare. "No-ah," said the driver, in emphatic dissent, "it costs \$3 to hire the ambulance." Ultimately the bridegroom paid up and the ambulance driver hurried off to his urgent case, presumably getting more urgent than ever. All's well that ends well; the patient did not die, and the bride had a more stylish arrival at her wedding than she expected, but the driver was unmercifully chaffed when the news of his mistake got round the Station.

THE WANCHAI BOY SCOUTS.

CONSECRATION OF A BANNER.

An impressive service was held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday, when the banner of the 3rd Hongkong, Wanchai Wesleyan Troop of Boy Scouts was consecrated. The troop paraded in full strength under the command of the Scout Master, A. Kirk, and attended Divine Service at which an address was given by the chaplain to the troop, the Rev. C. Clouston (Pastor, H.C.F.). The simple and solemn ceremony of the consecration began with the singing of "Fight the good fight," followed by a prayer and the reading of the scripture lesson, by the Scout Master. The colours were dedicated by the Chaplain, "to the glory of God and as a visible token of the honour of the 3rd Hongkong, Wanchai Wesleyan Troop of Boy Scouts." They were then presented to the colour party with this injunction: "Receive these colours and may God help you to guard them well." The National Anthem was sung and the benediction pronounced. The troop processed to their banner while the choir sang "Onward, Christian soldiers." The ceremony was witnessed by a representative gathering of members of the congregation, including men of both the Services, a company of Girl Guides, and Brownies and Wolf Cubs.

STOLE MASTERS CLOTHING.

EX-UNIVERSITY HEAD COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.

Professor J. H. Wong, of the Hongkong University, charged a Chinese who was formerly the head coolie at the University, with stealing a white duck suit valued at \$10.

The suit, which was the property of Mr. K. H. Digby, was found to be missing and when the defendant was questioned about it, he kept making excuses that the suit had not been returned from the laundry. An employee of the Laundry said that the suit could not be traced as having been left there.

Mr. Lindsay ordered the man to be sent to prison for two months. A further charge of leaving Professor Wong's employment without giving notice was also preferred against the defendant. The defendant's excuse was that he gave notice last year.

Professor Wong said that the man left his employment without notice when he became suspected of having stolen the suit.

A fine of \$10 with the option of 14 days was ordered.

AN OPIUM DEALER'S HONESTY.

A Chinese told Mr. Lindsay at the Magistracy, yesterday, in answer to a charge of being in illegal possession of 96 tacks of raw opium, that he was much too honest to be engaged in illegal trade. "You are too honest," retorted the Magistrate, "how is that?" The defendant's reply was the usual one that a friend gave him the parcel to carry, and he did not know what it contained.

Detective Sergeant Andrew said that the man was taking a basket of salt fish off the s.s. "Hydrangea." Hidden amongst the fish, the 96 tacks of raw opium were discovered. A fine of \$1,000 with the option of 6 months' imprisonment was ordered.

THE EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH.

The following items are from yesterday's Canton Times:—

Sun Yat-sen and staff arrived at Shui-kwan on the 6th. It is reported that he will review the troops of the Expeditionary armies in Shui-kwan on the 13th and 14th.

General Li Lieh-chun, Commander of more than fifty battalions of Yunnan and Kiangsi troops and chief of staff to Sun Yat-sen, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Central force of the Northern Expedition. The vanguards of General Li's forces have arrived at Nam-yung on the northern border of this province, and have received orders from Sun Yat-sen to attack Kiangsi province of which Chao Kwang-yuan is the Tschun.

According to latest news obtained from the Northern Expedition Headquarters, General Hsu Sung-chi is taking command of the left wing of the Expeditionary forces and General Wang Tai-wai has been appointed to command the right wing. These forces will soon march toward Hunan province. The left wing includes the whole body of the Second Cantonese Army, which has been recognized as a good fighting force. Under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of the right wing, General Wang Tai-wai, are more than forty battalions of Canton soldiers.

The First and Second Divisions of the Cantonese Army will also take part in the coming expedition against the North. The troops of the First Division under General Liang Hung-kai are quartered at Shui-kwan waiting for President Sun's order of general advancement. The Second Division of the Canton Army is still in Canton, and is to leave the city within five days. General Tai Yung-fun, a brigade commander of the division, will be appointed as acting commander prior to the return of General Hsu Hsulin, the Commander. According to the schedule of the Expedition Headquarters, the First and Second Divisions will accompany the Headquarters of the Northern Expedition. Large quantities of ammunition and other military supplies are being transported from Canton to Shui-kwan and from Shui-kwan to the different military camps. Mr. Hu Yi has been appointed head of the Transportation Bureau of the Expeditionary Headquarters.

HARBOUR NAVIGATION.

LAUNCHMEN FINED AND WARNED.

At the Marine Magistracy yesterday, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., a number of masters of steam launches were charged with failing to observe the rules of navigation. The masters of the Kwang Ching, Yau On, Kwang To, Hoi Hoong and Kwang Nam were fined \$20 each, or one month's jail; with three previous convictions the masters of the steam launches Kwang Chi and Lai Ho were fined \$30 each; with four previous convictions the masters of the steam launches Lee Ping and Tung Pak were fined \$30 and \$35 respectively.

Commander Beckwith said the practice was becoming a menace to safe navigation of the harbour.

BIG HAUL BY BURGLARS.

A YOUTH CHARGED.

In connection with the recent burglary at the Indian drapery establishment, at No. 4, D'Almeida Street, occupied by Messrs. Hiptoola & Co., when woollen goods to the value of \$5,000 were stolen, a youth was charged at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, with having received a portion of the stolen property, knowing same to have been stolen.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defendant and asked for a remand. Inspector John Grant said that 49 pieces of cloth were stolen from the firm. Two of the pieces were found in a pawn shop which resulted in the defendant being traced. He asked the Magistrate to fix bail at \$2,500.

Mr. Fraser remanded the case to Friday next, bail being fixed at the amount asked for by the Inspector.

THE PRINCE AND BORNEO.

The news that the Prince of Wales will pay a visit to British North Borneo has caused great satisfaction there. The local Herald breaks out into a long leading article on the subject, of which the opening paragraph is reproduced here:—The return of His Excellency and Mrs. Pearson from the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition at Singapore with the wonderful news of the projected visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Jesselton has caused a wave of enthusiasm and gratified surprise throughout the Territory. North Borneo is young, and Jesselton, in comparison with Colombo, Singapore, Hongkong and such great cities of the East, is but a primitive settlement. Yet His Royal Highness, with that gracious charm for which he is already world-famous, has not declined to turn aside and honour us by an informal visit. May we not indeed pride ourselves on the fact that the very smallest of our community emphases and enhances this signal honour?

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on **MONDAY**, the 15th day of May, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of **CROWN LAND** at Victoria Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot 1511, Victoria Road, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000
2	Lot 1512, Victoria Road, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot 1511, Shamshuipo, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000
2	Lot 1512, Shamshuipo, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot 1511, West Bay, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000
2	Lot 1512, West Bay, Hongkong.	1/2 acre, 10,000 sq. ft.	10,000	2,000

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R. SPECIAL CONSTABULARY. NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

All Members of the Special Constabulary who have not already done so, are requested to return to me at Police Headquarters, all arms, ammunition, kit and equipment of any kind issued for the use of Special Constables. Such returns should be made as soon as possible.

C. G. PERDUE, 2nd Assistant Superintendent of Police, Police Headquarters, Hongkong, 8th May, 1923.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1923, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1923.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 & 4, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1923, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, April 21st, 1923.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 12th May, 1923, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1921, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from April 29th to May 12th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1923.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 19th May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1921. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th May 1923, both days inclusive. At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed dealing with the remuneration to the Consulting Committee. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents. Hongkong, 29th April, 1923.

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Hongkong, April 28th, 1923.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Valuation Lists for the Colony for the year 1922-1923 will be open to inspection at the Treasury for twenty-one days commencing on SATURDAY, the 23rd April, 1923.

C. McI. MESSER, Treasurer and Assessor of Rates.

21st April, 1923.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have this day REMOVED our Office to No. 1, Des Vaux Road CENTRAL above Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston's office.

ARRATON V. APCAR & CO. Hongkong, 1st May, 1923.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in consequence of only one nomination having been received of a JUSTICE of the PEACE to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence of the Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C., the election referred to in Notification No. 200 published in the Hongkong Government Gazette dated the 28th April, 1923, will not take place.

R. M. LINDELL, Police Magistrate.

The Magistracy, Hongkong, 8th May, 1923.

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

Letters are lying at this Office for:

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 10TH, 1923.

"FINANCIAL REGENERATION" OF CHINA.

In the course of a letter to the Trade Supplement of *The Times*, Mr. L. E. HAYNES, Secretary, Sino-British Trade Association, says his impression is that English business circles are unduly concerned about the coming increase of the Chinese Customs duties. We cannot hope to do a large business with China, he says, unless that country is solvent and pays her officials. Failure to pay her way would mean continued disorder and revolution. By enabling China to obtain a larger revenue we enable her to create internal order. Sir FRANCIS PIGOTT, we notice, in an article in the *Fortnightly Review* on "China after the Peace" (meaning, of course, not the peace of China, which is not yet in sight, but the peace which the Treaty of Versailles was intended to establish) makes much the same point in pleading for the remission of the Boxer Indemnity as "an effective step in the financial regeneration of China." We quote his reference to this matter in full:

The Boxer Indemnity is a deadweight on Chinese finance. With the disappearance of the Monarchy there were great hopes that it would be remitted. It was a penalty imposed by the Powers for an international crime to which the Empress Dowager had been a consenting party. Our democratic monarchs profess such great joy when an unworthy ruler is got out of the way and a Republic takes his place that one would have thought the moment opportune for an act of generosity to the people of China who were innocent of the great offence. But the treasuries of Europe are not philanthropic institutions, and they were obdurate. Yet, it is certain that if they could be persuaded to follow the example of the United States, YUAN SHI KAI's position would have been consolidated, for it would have enabled him to do the one thing he could not do, put the finances of the country upon a stable footing. Since the peace, the case is a hundredfold stronger; for China's labour battalions filled a great gap in the needs of the Allies, and some substantial

THE PLAGUE EPIDEMIC.

RELATIVELY MUCH LESS SEVERE THAN IN 1914.

INTERESTING STATISTICS BY DR. PEARSE.

"I think members would like to hear from the M.O.H. the present plague situation," said the Head of the Sanitary Department, persuasively, at the meeting of the Board, yesterday, after ten items of the agenda relating to the water-carriage system had been disposed of.

In response to this invitation, Dr. PEARSE gave some interesting statistical information. He said:—

The total number of plague cases recorded, to date, this year is 536. Up to the end of April we had recorded 337 cases, but this is the first year in which we have had a severe epidemic since 1914. The number of cases to the end of April, 1914, was 949—not quite three times as many.

During the whole of the seven years, 1915 to 1921 inclusive, we had only 1,239 cases recorded. Although the epidemic is more severe this year than we have been accustomed to, it does not promise, so far, to be even as bad as 1914. The average number of cases during the seven years was 177 per annum.

May has usually been the worst month. On some few occasions when we have had rather a mild epidemic June has been the worst month, but in the majority of years where there have been over 1,000 cases, May has been the worst month, and we anticipate that that will be so now, and, as soon as the temperature reaches 82 or so, we expect a rapid decline.

The CHAIRMAN: Since 1914 the population has increased enormously?

Dr. PEARSE: Yes; in the interannual period, 1911-1921, the population has increased 73 per cent.

The statistics for the past week show that there were 109 cases of plague—72 in Victoria and 37 outside. Of these sufferers, 74 died. For the 48 hours ended April 8th, a further 28 cases were reported, with 18 deaths.

The other cases of notifiable disease last week were 16 of small-pox with 12 deaths; five cases of enteric fever, with one death; and one non-fatal case of diphtheria. There were three deaths from influenza. Three of the enteric cases were British.

SAVE YOUR BATH-WATER!

SLOGAN FOR PEAK RESIDENTS.

The Sanitary Board yesterday decided to recommend approval of an application for water closets at the Peak Club and at Magazine Gap Road.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. G. R. Sayer) thought the Club should be treated in the same way, as the Peak Hotel was recently treated in this matter. In the case of the Magazine Gap application, it was proposed to use the bath-water for flushing.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (Dr. PEARSE) remarked that for flushing purposes one ought to allow at least 15 gallons per person per day. If there were three people in a house and they each used 20 gallons of bath-water that would give enough flush-water for four people. Consequently there should not be much call upon Government mains if the bath-water was properly conserved.

Mr. S. W. Tso: How will it be done?

Dr. PEARSE: The ordinary method would be to pass it to an underground covered sump and then pump it to a storage tank in the roof.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr. Tso seconded, that the application be recommended and this was carried.

The members present were the Head of the Sanitary Department (Mr. G. K. Sayer), the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Dr. G. D. Black, Mr. S. W. Tso, the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearse) and the Secretary (Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds).

A UNION CHURCH FOR KOWLOON.

"FUNDS AVAILABLE."

We understand that the Union Church is making a move in the direction of establishing a similar church in Kowloon to meet the needs of the growing population there, and we learn that the necessary funds are available.

Three new Foreign Ministers appointed by President Harding are respectively a Roman Catholic priest, a rabbi and a lawyer. The priest is Father Joseph M. Denning, of Marion, Ohio, who has been appointed as Agent and Consul-General at Tangier, Morocco; the Rabbi is Joseph Saul Kornfeld, of Columbus, Ohio, who is appointed Minister to Persia; and the lawyer is Mr. Theodore A. Brentano, of Chicago, who has been appointed Minister to Hungary.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

DENIAL OF MISCHIEVOUS REPORTS.

BRITAIN'S KING & QUEEN IN BELGIUM.

RUSSIA'S WARNING TO JAPAN.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENOA CONFERENCE.

JAPANESE FORCES IN SIBERIA.

PROTEST AGAINST RUSSIAN NOTE.

GENOA, May 8th.

The Japanese Delegate has written to Mr. Chicherin, protesting against the reference to Japan in the recent Russian note, saying that the Japanese forces remained in Siberia because Japan considered that the conditions prevailing made it unsafe for their citizens. He adds that Japan is still under the same impression.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BREAK WITH FRANCE.

A "DELIBERATE MISCHIEVOUS INVENTION."

LONDON, May 8th.

In the House of Commons, the Genoa conference was prominent at question time. Mr. Chamberlain said that a summary had reached Mr. Lloyd George of a statement by the *Times* correspondent at Genoa that Mr. Lloyd George had told M. Barthou: "The Entente is broken; Britain is free to seek other friendships." Mr. Lloyd George had asked Mr. Chamberlain to contradict the statement as a "deliberate, malicious invention." MR. CHAMBERLAIN CASTIGATES THE "TIMES."

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I cannot conceive for what interest or public purpose a British newspaper during a great international conference deliberately sets itself to misrepresentation." He added that he believed the Editor of the *Times* had been living at the French headquarters at Genoa throughout the Conference. He certainly had not been in touch with anyone authorised to speak for Britain. Mr. Thorne (the Labour member) asked whether the Government had power to bring "this particular gentleman and newspaper" to the bar of the House to be admonished by the Speaker.

Mr. Chamberlain did not reply, and Labour members shouted: "Why not? You put workers in jail for less." The matter then dropped.

A "SENSATIONAL AND FOOLISH" INVENTION.

Lord Birkenhead, interviewed by an evening paper, said that a statement by the *Times* correspondent at Genoa that he urged Mr. Lloyd George to break with France was a "sensational and foolish invention."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DENIAL.

LONDON, May 8th. A sensational report from Genoa that Mr. Lloyd George told M. Barthou that the Entente was ended is emphatically contradicted by Reuter's correspondent at Genoa, who says he learned at the Villa d'Albertis that, though Mr. Lloyd George may have remarked on the danger to the conference and the Entente if France persisted in the present attitude, he certainly did not say that the conference was over or that the Entente had ended; on the contrary, Mr. Lloyd George sincerely hopes that this will not prove to be the case.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS NOT ENDANGERED.

LONDON, May 8th. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Chamberlain said there was no reason to suppose that the discussions at Genoa were likely to imperil Anglo-French relations. British policy as regards the execution of the Treaty of Versailles was unchanged.

THE RAVING OF AN INSANE PERSON.

GENOA, May 8th. Mr. Lloyd George expressed his indignation in most direct terms to a gathering of journalists as regards the London accounts of his interview with M. Barthou. He explained that both parties had seen and approved each other's version of the interview, and he described the official French version as telegraphed to Paris as absolutely correct. He stigmatised the criticized report as "a sheer wicked invention and the raving of an insane person." He declared that the French themselves were indignant at the statements.

M. BARTHOU'S CORROBORATION.

In response to a request to give his testimony regarding Saturday's much controverted conversation, M. Barthou has written to Mr. Lloyd George saying: "You did not say that the Entente was ended, nor did you say that your advisers were pressing you to come to an understanding with Germany. You spoke to me of the difficulties through which the relations of our two countries were passing, but you did not pronounce one word which could be interpreted as expressing an intention to break the friendship uniting them, and I retain all my confidence in that essential Union."

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THE LATE SIR HENRY MAY'S ESTATE.

LEAVES NEARLY £60,000.

LONDON, May 8th.

The late Sir Henry May, former Governor of Hongkong, left estate of the value of £59,074.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO BELGIUM.

WONDERFUL ENTHUSIASM.

LONDON, May 8th.

Their Majesties had the heartiest send-off from London this morning on their first State visit to the King and Queen of the Belgians since the war.

Great crowds gathered in the brilliant sunshine and loudly cheered their Majesties as they drove to Victoria Station, where the Duke of Connaught bade them farewell.

Their Majesties, who were accompanied by the Earl and Countess of Athlone, Marshal Haig, and Admiral Beatty, received an equally enthusiastic welcome at Dover, where they embarked on the Royal Yacht *Alexandra*, which was escorted by nine destroyers to Calais en route to Brussels.

WELCOME BY BELGIUM'S KING AND QUEEN.

BRUSSELS, May 8th.

King Albert, in General's uniform and wearing the Order of the Garter, accompanied by the Queen of the Belgians, and attended by the Burgomaster Max, awaited the arrival of the train with their British Majesties.

As the latter emerged, tremendous cheering began, which ran along the whole route from the station to the Palace traversed by the Royal visitors. Dense crowds awaited themselves of every point of vantage in and overlooking the streets, which were lined with cavalry and infantry. The city wore a festive appearance in the brilliant sunshine.

GERMAN VIEW OF REPARATIONS.

ANTICIPATING FRENCH ACTION.

BERLIN, May 8th.

The German reading of the reparations situation was presented by the Minister of Defence, Herr Gessler at Hamburg, who said that the Government, by carrying out and fulfilling her obligations hitherto, had gained time and made her enemies realise the impossibility of complete fulfilment.

He anticipated that if France now proceeded alone against Germany, Britain and other States would not prevent her, but would refuse all support.

RESTORATION OF MOSCOW.

IMPORTANT DEAL FOR BRITISH FIRM.

LONDON, May 8th.

A British firm has arranged an important deal in connection with the restoration of Moscow. The Soviet representatives in London announced that news from Moscow says the British Bechem Trust has obtained rights for the leasing of Moscow building lots and repairing and completing unfinished houses. It will be granted a free lease for 15 years on buildings requiring small repairs, for 30 years on medium repairs and for 50 years on capital repairs and new buildings.

OIL PROSPECTING IN NEW GUINEA.

DISCOVERY RIGHTS NOT GRANTED.

MELBOURNE, May 8th.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Co., has prospected two thousand square miles of New Guinea for oil and found seepages, but the report generally is unfavourable. A further survey of the Middle Gopik Basin is recommended, pending which the Commonwealth will not grant oil discovery rights.

THE "AXE" COMMITTEE.

TO OPERATE IN INDIA.

LONDON, May 8th.

Lord Incheup will proceed to India in the autumn in the capacity of chairman of the committee on expenditure which is being appointed by the Government of India.

RESTORATION OF FRENCH CHURCHES.

THE POPE EXPRESSES SATISFACTION.

PARIS, May 8th.

The Archbishop of Rheims announces the success of the loan of £200,000,000 for the reconstruction and restoration of French churches devastated in war time. The Pope has sent £50,000, expressing deep satisfaction at the generous response.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA'S OPPORTUNITY.

WU PEI FU'S DIFFICULT TASK.

LONDON, May 8th.

The *Times*, in a leader on "China's Opportunity," says Wu Pei Fu's work will not be complete until Chang Tso Lin is at least driven back into Manchuria. It points out that Chang Tso Lin has long been in close relations with the Japanese and says it will be interesting to see how the connection will serve him at this moment of lost prestige. Wu Pei Fu is primarily a soldier, and a very capable one, as things go in China, but he has yet to win his spurs as a statesman. The task before him is difficult, and there is a risk that he will become the tool of politicians. It is his immediate duty to endeavour to come to an agreement with the Southern Party and, in co-operation therewith, to nominate a Government which shall have the allegiance of the North and South.

FIGHTING ON THE KWANGTUNG BORDERS.

HANKOW, May 8th.

General Chao Chien defeated General Chung Mow Hsien at Fengyushang and is now advancing towards Kaitung. It is reported that General Li Lieh Chun is in action on the Kiangsi-Kwangtung border.

FORMER SINGAPORE RESIDENT'S ESTATE.

LONDON, May 8th.

Mr. William Hutton, formerly a resident of Singapore has left an estate valued at £40,000.

RUSSIA RATIFIES THE SABRE.

JAPAN'S SIBERIAN AGGRESSIONS.

PARIS, May 8th.

Interviewed by the *Genoa* correspondent of the *New York Herald*, M. Chicherin said that the interests of the Far Eastern Republic completely coincided with those of the Soviet Government, which was prepared to go to any length in order to protect that Far Eastern democracy from any attempts of the Japanese imperialists to turn it into another Korea. Unless Japan abandoned that idea, she must anticipate serious complications with Russia in the near future.

THE HOME CRICKET SEASON.

THE HAT TRICK.

LONDON, May 8th.

At Northampton, Yorkshire defeated the home team by ten wickets, Macaulay capturing eleven wickets for 31 runs. At Cambridge, Middlesex beat the University by ten wickets. Durston taking six wickets for 29 runs in Cambridge's second innings, including the hat-trick. At Manchester, Lancashire beat Glamorgan by an innings and 197 runs, Parkin obtaining eleven wickets for 60.

NOTTS BATSMAN SCORES FIRST CENTURY.

Warwickshire defeated Worcestershire by 81 runs. Notts defeated Leicester (1) by nine wickets. Hardstaff scored 117 not out, while Richmond took eight wickets for 43.

DISORDERS IN EGYPT.

OFFICERS CASHIERED.

CAIRO, May 8th.

The Commander of the 16th Egyptian Infantry Battalion and five officers have been placed on the Unattached List in consequence of the behaviour of the troops.

NO FURTHER REDUCTION OF TEA DUTY.

LONDON, May 8th.

In the House of Commons, in the report stage on the Budget resolutions, an amendment moved by Mr. Trevelyan to reduce the Tea Duty by a further 2d, was rejected by 100 votes to 55 and the Tea Duty resolution was agreed to.

NORWEGIAN EXPLORERS' DEATH.

CHRISTIANIA, May 8th.

The famous Norwegian explorer, Carl Linnholtz, has died in New York from the effects of tropical fever, contracted in Borneo. He had just completed preparations for an expedition to New Guinea.

MARSHAL JOFFRE IN PARIS.

LONDON, May 8th.

Marshal Joffre has arrived in London from Liverpool and proceeded immediately to France.

FAR EAST BY AIR.

Mention was made in the *Daily Press* some days ago of a projected air mail service.

At the eleventh hour a definite offer has been made to the Government for the commercial employment of its surplus aircraft, subject to some small financial assistance by Government, as an alternative to handing them over to the Disposals Board. Commander C. Dennis Burgey is the moving spirit in the projected Imperial Air Line. The object to be attained is mail and passenger service which would reach Bombay in 3½ days, Rangoon in 7½, Hongkong in 8½, and Australia in 11 days.

The offer which has been submitted to the home Government for submission to the Governments of India and Australia includes the formation of a company having available a capital of £4,000,000, made up as follows—£1,800,000 in Ordinary shares and £2,200,000 in Debentures, subject to the Government arranging by means of a subsidy a guarantee of dividend and interest for a period of years. Messrs. Vickers have undertaken to subscribe for 100,000 Ordinary shares or Debentures at par. Both companies will give full technical assistance. The Government is asked to transfer to the company free of cost all airships, airship material, and airship bases, such as Fulham, Cadington, and Howden, and to supply wireless telegraphy and meteorological services.

It is estimated that there will be a loss upon running expenses for the first two years. During this period nothing will be earned to write off depreciation charges, but experience will give rise to large improvements in the design of airships, and consequently the airships originally constructed by the company will become obsolete with more than normal rapidity. The cost of this will be about £750,000, and it is suggested that when the profits have reached such a figure as to relieve the Government from their guarantee of dividend upon the Ordinary shares, the company can show to the satisfaction of the Treasury that it has established the business upon a commercial basis, both as to revenue and expenditure, the Government will refund to the company the £750,000.

At a later date, when the efficiency of the service has been demonstrated, it will no doubt be possible to arrange for a mail contract. The P. and O. Company has the mail contracts at present, and a surcharge of 2½d. for India and 5d. for Australia per oz. would have to be made.

THE POLO MATCH AT MANILA.

THE HONGKONG POLO TEAM WILL MAKE ITS THIRD APPEARANCE ON FORBES' FIELD THIS AFTERNOON WHEN IT TACKLES THE FAST MANILA POLO CLUB SQUAD IN THE ONLY TOURNAMENT game scheduled for to-day.

With the local players performing true to form, the visitors will be up against the stiffest proposition they have as yet faced in Manila as the locals are rated as fully the equal of the Ninth Cavalry outfit from St. Petersburg. The Hongkong men, however, are improving their game and last Sunday played much better polo than they put up of their first appearance here last Friday. The visitors have won one game and lost one.

The McKinley four received the surprise of their lives at the Manila Polo Club last Sunday when they went down to an 8-6 defeat at the hands of the visiting players from Hongkong. The visitors, showing greater familiarity with their mounts, played a much faster game all around. The post team conceded the visitors a handicap of four goals and at the beginning appeared to take things easy. It did not take them long to realize, however, that they were up against a stiff opposition and when they did wake up to this fact, it was a little too late.

Each member of the Hongkong regular team scored a goal on Sunday afternoon and their stick work and all around team work was wonderful. Their showing last Sunday branded them as dangerous opponents for the Manila Polo Club quartet to-day.

The game will be called at 4.45 and club officials have made arrangements to accommodate one of the biggest crowds seen out this season.

MEXICO'S SILVER PRODUCTION.

LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

Statistical data and figures issued recently by the Secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce of the Mexican Government showed that Mexico leads in the production of silver during the year just ended.

Information regarding the production of silver and gold in Mexico published by the Secretary of Industry and Commerce has been received by the Mexican Consulate-General at Yokohama.

According to the report, Mexico leads in the production of silver. The production of silver and gold in the Mexican Republic during last January is given as follows:—

Silver	413,543	Pounds
Gold	4,160	Pounds
The figures show a decline of 45,761 pounds of silver and 77 pounds of gold as compared with the preceding month when the production was as follows:—		
Silver	459,304	Pounds
Gold	4,243	Pounds
The price of silver was \$0.6576 and \$0.6542 in December, 1921, and January, 1922, respectively.		

SOVIET CONDITIONS FOR GENOA.

TOCHITCHERIN'S MANIFESTO.

PARIS, March 7th.

M. Tchitcherin, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has sent to M. Poincaré, under date March 15th, a wireless message dealing with the Genoa Conference.

The Russian Government, says M. Tchitcherin, welcomes the convocation of the Genoa Conference with profound satisfaction, seeing in this fact a proof that the Great Powers at last understand the uselessness of the economic and political blockade of Russia and realize the necessity of re-establishing normal relations in the interests of general peace and the creation of a solid foundation for the economic progress of all nations. The convocation of a conference in which Russia is to participate is understood by public opinion in Europe and America to indicate the definite renunciation of the boycott policy.

This effort to reach agreement between all European Governments, including even that of Russia, to work together for economic restoration is regarded as the beginning of the collaboration of all States before the necessity of restoring their ruined industries.

The Russian Government is not blind to the fundamental differences existing between the political and economic systems of the Soviet Republic and the bourgeois States, but believes nevertheless that an agreement for fruitful co-operation in the economic domain and in complete consonance with a certain section of European public opinion is absolutely possible. The Genoa Conference differs fundamentally from all preceding European Conferences for this reason, that no difference is to be made between victor and vanquished, between large and small States, or between Soviet and bourgeois Governments, and that, on the contrary, all those attending the Conference must strive collectively and on a footing of equality for universal economic restoration.

To its profound regret, however, the Russian Government finds that the conduct of the big Powers before the Conference awakes the fear that a section of the States invited to the Conference will find themselves confronted with decisions already arrived at and drafted in advance by certain groups of Allied Governments, thereby threatening Russia with a new form of boycott.

All the newspapers of Western Europe are full of accounts of the negotiations which are taking place between the Governments of the Great and Little Entente to enable them to appear at the Conference with cut and dried decisions with regard to Russia. In these circumstances the Conference will merely serve to register the decisions arrived at in advance by a certain group of Governments.

These tactics on the part of the Great and Little Ententes are calculated to render impossible the holding of the Conference in its original form. If it is true, as stated in the Press, that this group of Governments intends to present proposals which are incompatible with the sovereign rights of the Russian Government and the independence of the Russian State, then it is necessary to declare that such an abolition of the principle of equality and the free exchange of views between all those participating in the Conference will result in the failure of the Conference.

At the same time, the Russian Government cannot refrain from remarking that a portion of the Western Press, obviously inspired by official circles, has resumed, and is carrying on with the utmost rigour, a campaign of falsehood and calumny against the Soviet Republic.

The Soviet Governments will proceed to the Genoa Conference with the firm intention of collaborating in the closest manner with all States which are prepared mutually to guarantee the inviolability of their internal, political, and economic organizations in conformity with Article 1 of the conditions laid down at Cannes.—Reuter.

MR. BIRRELL ON THE PRESS.

Mr. Augustine Birrell was the principal guest on March 18th at the monthly dinner of the London Press Club. Replying to the toast of his health, he said that he considered the chief qualification for a successful journalist was an unalloyed imagination. (Laughter.)

The Press had those present could not deny it—huge responsibility, having regard to the enormous circulation of newspapers. Journalists were the guardians of character and honour, and also of the English language. What regard to honour and character, there were old-fashioned words, but we still, all of us, believed that no good would come to any country in which its public men and those who came forward to read the nation along its way were not men of honour and character. At the bottom of his heart he believed that Englishmen and Scotsmen, and he hoped he might say Irishmen, believed that honour and character were the only things, and the fountains of honour still spouted in the columns of the newspapers as effectively as ever.

Then there was the English language. That was a treasure worth keeping, and journalism had done a great many good things for the English language. The Press had kept it up to the mark. The language of England must express all the emotions and ambitions of Englishmen and everything that the Empire produced. "We must keep our language a live thing," declared Mr. Birrell, "but there is no occasion that it should be a vulgar language or that it should in any way differ from but only expand from the well of English, glorious, undefiled."

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AGE OF THE EARTH. WONDERS OF RADIO-ACTIVITY.

Before the discovery of radio-active materials scientists were content with estimating the age of the earth at a few hundred million years, more or less. Geologists were wont to claim at least five hundred millions, so as to allow time for the geological changes that have obviously taken place in what is termed the lithosphere, or rocky crust of the earth. But the stricter theologians, perturbed by this considerable addition to the chronology of the Bible, contested the theories of the scientific men and favoured the cataclysmic hypothesis in the endeavour to account for the phenomena observed in the study of the rocks. With the discovery of radio-active matter there came an altered point of view. Forthwith it became evident that the earth must be vastly older than even the heavy age demanded by the geologists.

In his recent lecture at the Royal Institution on "Radio-activity," Professor Sir Ernest Rutherford claimed that the "life" of radium was at least five thousand millions of years, and that Uranium, the parent of most radio-active substances, must be no less than twice that age, otherwise there would now be no uranium left on the earth. A thousand million years is quite a considerable period, and somewhat puts out of court the meticulously elaborate calculations of the late Archbishop Usher, by which he fixed the very afternoon on which the Creation took place, about four thousand years ago. A good many pious people still believe in Dr. Usher's chronology; but if the deductions which have been made from the results of the examination of radio-active phenomena are correct, a thousand million years is a moderate estimate of the period during which the earth has been in existence.

Sir Ernest Rutherford, however, in his intensely interesting lecture, was not chiefly concerned with matters affecting chronology. His concern was rather to explain some of the properties and characteristics of Ionium, Radium, Thorium, Actinium, and other radio-active minerals, and the remarkable products or emanations to which these give rise. A noteworthy fact, which he demonstrated by a series of beautiful experiments, was that these emanations, or gases, possessed in varying degree the same physical and therapeutic properties as the minerals from which they are derived. One important result of this, especially in relation to the treatment of disease, is that radium is comparatively little used directly in hospital work. What is done is to collect the emanations in minute tubes and apply these in medical treatment. They are quite as effective as the actual mineral itself, and there is the advantage that if a tube of radio-active emanation gets broken or disappears no radium is lost, and a fresh supply of the radio-active emanation can be "grown" and collected in a fresh tube in a few days.

There is an astonishing variability in the duration of these emanations. A piece of radium itself will, it is estimated, go on pouring out its products for five thousand million years, while one of the products of Actinium, "Actinium A," as it is called, disappears in the five-hundredth part of a second. Yet so marvellous is the refinement of laboratory methods now practised that it has been found possible to determine accurately the physical properties of this rapidly fleeting emanation. Thirty or more elements are produced from radium, and in watching the transformations which go on under their eyes scientific investigators see taking place that transmutation of metals so long and vainly sought by the medieval alchemists. It is in this direction that perhaps the most momentous discoveries will be made in connection with radio-activity. The disruption of the atom which is continually going on in radio-active substances may, and probably will, provide the key to the solution of the problem of the constitution of matter, and incidentally place at the disposal of mankind limitless stores of the energy which is now obtained by the wasteful consumption of coal or the utilisation of water power.

ROYAL MARRIAGES.

It is now not only possible but safe to say that, if popular feeling is to be consulted about the marriage of the Prince of Wales, and why should it not be consulted?—the nation will be best pleased if he should marry an Englishwoman. It would be distinctly disappointed if he should marry a foreigner. Of course, if the choice of the Prince of Wales should fall upon a foreigner entirely of his own volition, that would be a sufficient reason for accepting a foreign marriage. The point is that the nation has become impatient of seeing marriages dictated to any member of the Royal Family for some alleged diplomatic reason. Certain limitations upon the choice of the Prince of Wales there would no doubt be, but only such limitations as are imposed by seamanship, naturalness and good sense. The nation would not like a Cypriot marriage for the Prince of Wales any more than it would welcome a foreign marriage. But any marriage entered into willingly by any member of a family brought up with such a strong sense of what is proper and reasonable as has been implanted in the family of the King and Queen is just as likely to be fitting as the choice of any other thoroughly well brought up boy or girl. In a social sense like usually marries like if only because any other arrangement is inconvenient and uncomfortable. Common sense, that is to say, will confine the choice of the Prince of Wales to some extent, but it will still leave a field of choice far wider than that which was deemed to be open to an heir-apparent in the past two hundred years.—*Specialist.*



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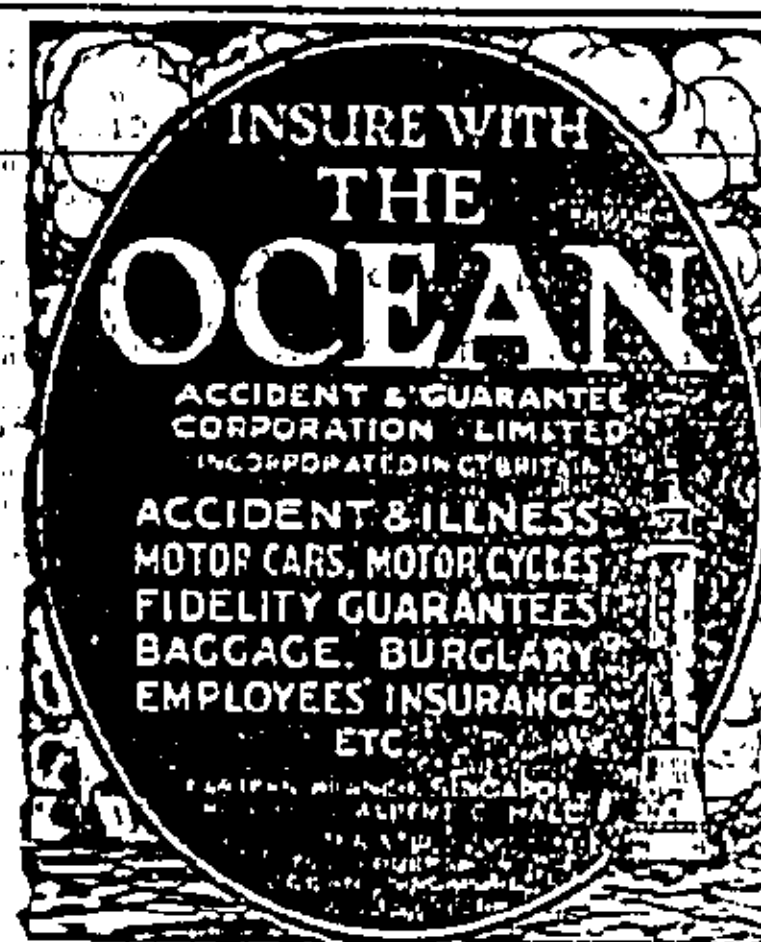
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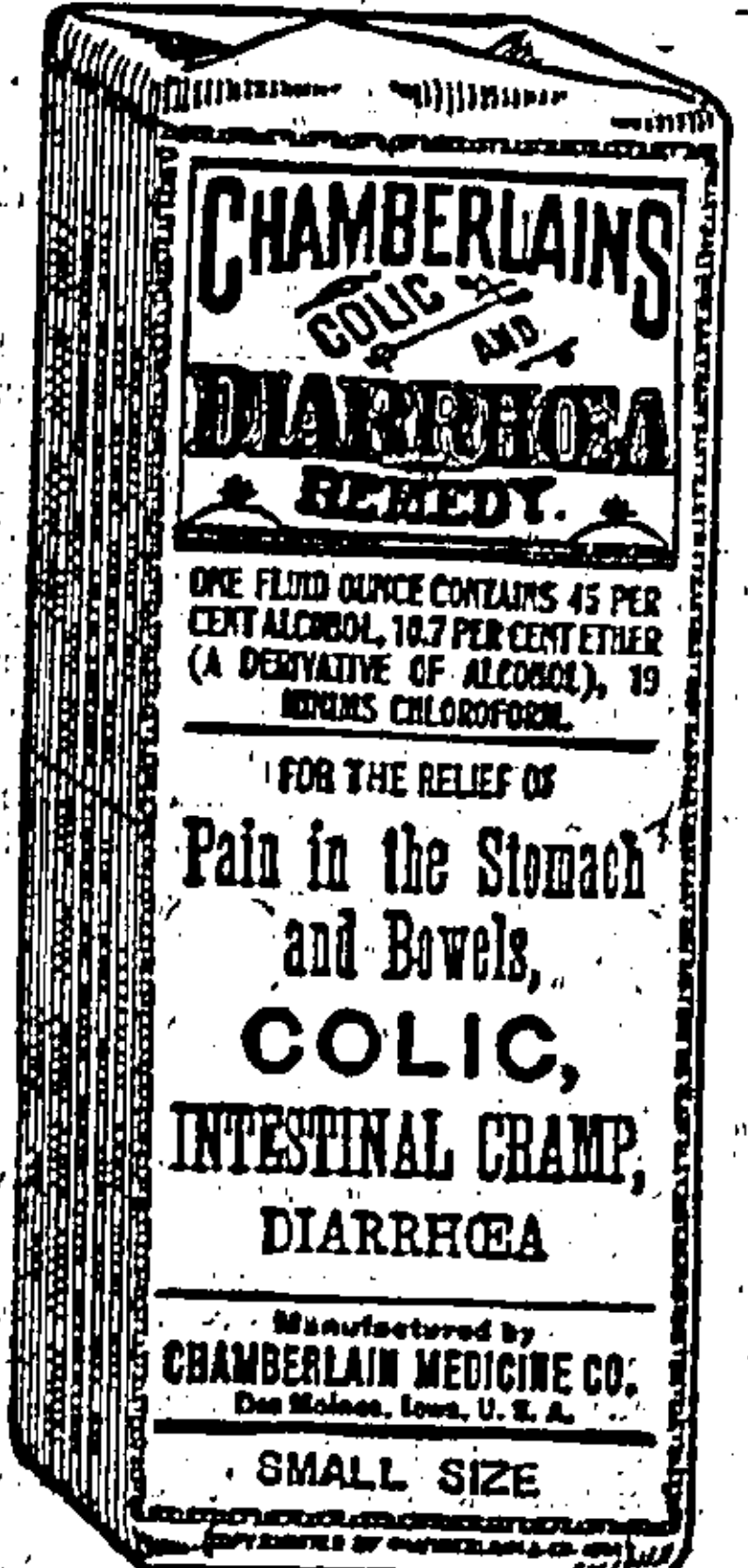
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THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

MR. ASQUITH AND ALTERNATIVES.

Mr. Asquith, addressing a meeting of the Scottish Liberal Federation in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on March 24th, said, *inter alia*:-

When people talk of votes of confidence in the Coalition, the question which ought to present itself to every intelligent elector is—how, after more than three years of Coalition Government, does the country stand to-day? Unemployment has never been such a grave and serious problem. The cost in relief at the present moment is at the rate of something like £100,000,000 a year. You are still spending, to-day £10,000,000 in futile fumbling in Mesopotamia and the East. (Hear, hear.) Let me give you facts. We spent, roughly speaking, £100,000,000 in backing the wrong horse in Russia. We have spent in Mesopotamia and the adjacent countries upon equally unjustifiable experiments another £100,000,000. I do not see any return from either of those. You know now from the Geddes Report that the Government themselves had come to the conclusion that a sum of £175,000,000 ought to be saved from the annual expenditure of the country. Seventy-five million pounds was to be saved at the initiative of the Departments and rest the Geddes Committee was set to discover. That meant that the Government of this country could be efficiently and adequately carried on at an expenditure of very nearly £200,000,000 less than it cost the year before. Translate that sum wasted on admittedly unnecessary expenditure into terms of taxation. A penny in the income-tax of late years has produced £4,000,000—I believe this year it produces a "good deal" more. Let us take it at four millions. The sugar duty, which weighs directly upon the working classes at 2d. produced in 1929, £28,000,000. The tea duty at 10d. and 1s. produced £18,000,000. To pay for the unnecessary expenditure would take the total yield of the tea and sugar duties for three years, and a sum of 1s. 6d. of the income-tax also for three years. That is what Coalition Government costs.

This is the root of the problem of unemployment. You will never solve, you will not seriously mitigate unemployment until by a reduction of expenditure you have been able to make such a remission of taxation as will set free the springs of industry and enable us to become again the pointers of economic progress in the world. (Cheers.)

But it is of little use to be merely critical. We must try if we can to be constructive also. (Hear, hear.) I am not going at the end of long speech into any detailed argument, but I will tell you what to my view, and I suggest this to my fellow Liberals as at any rate offing outlines of a real policy. In the first place, cut down ruthlessly to a far greater extent than the Government are prepared to do in their diluted and watered edition of the Geddes proposals, the unproductive expenditure of the nation, above all, expenditure upon military and destructive purposes. (Cheers.) Next, curtail and, as far as you can, get rid of State interference in the whole domain of industry. (Cheers.) Get the final assets and the final liquidation of the international liabilities which the war and the peace have given rise to, whether in the form of reparations or of indemnities. (Cheers.) Do not go on treating paper debts as if they were real assets. Above all, do not go on compelling Germany and countries in the position of Germany, under the guise of reparation, to make other payments, or substitutes for payments, which are harmful to them and are still more harmful to those who receive them. Do everything possible to promote all over Europe and the world open markets and the free exchange of merchandise. (Cheers.) Aim at disarmament, not in the limited sense which was sanctioned by the Washington Conference, not only on the sea, but under the sea, in the air, and, above all, upon the land. (Cheers.) And, lastly, seek the only real safeguard for permanent peace and for international stability, not in separate pacts between particular and individual States, but under a general guarantee of all Treaty obligations by the authority of an enlarged and vivified League of Nations. (Cheers.)

EDUCATION ECONOMY.

MR. HENDERSON'S WARNING.

A demonstration, organized by the Workers' Educational Association and representative of workers' organizations, trade unions, co-operative societies, educational bodies, and teachers, was held at the Central Hall, Westminster, last month, to protest against the restriction of educational facilities. The Bishop of Manchester presided. Mr. Arthur Henderson moved a resolution protesting against any further "cut" in the provision of educational facilities. He said that while they welcomed the knowledge that the Burnham scales were to stand and that young children were not to be excluded from school, they could not ignore the fact that the Government proposed to reduce State expenditure on education by one-eighth. He warned the Government that if it was their intention to follow the Geddes Committee in its proposed economies in secondary education, they must expect stern opposition. In the last eight years the number of pupils on the rolls of secondary schools had nearly doubled. The Geddes Committee appeared to regard this sign of educational awakening on the part of democracy as a national disaster, and delivered a blow of the axe in the hope of checking this movement for the intellectual emancipation of the worker's child. The true path to economy, prosperity, and social reconstruction lay through the well-conceived policy of progressive development in the sphere of secondary education. Drastic reductions of expenditure on education were obtained at a terrible price, reduced the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Friday, 12th May, Noon
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Jada, French str., 386 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Kai Yee & Co.
Mitsui Maru, Japanese str., 1,061 tons, Capt. G. Sakao, from Saigon, with rice.—M.B.K.
 May 9th.
Hsiao, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. W. Pasmore, from Foochow, with a general cargo.—D.L. & Co.
Hsin Wah, Chinese str., from Canton.
Kasung, French str., 177 tons, Capt. Perloti, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Sing Kee.
Kaitang, British str., 3,443 tons, Capt. Melldell, from Kobe, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Lusung, British str., 2,221 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay Cumine, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Loomer, British str., 4,288 tons, Capt. A. H. Smith, from Miki, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Plasy, British str., 4,328 tons, Capt. H. W. A. Clark, D.B.E., R.N.R., from Yokohama, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Shunghing, Chinese str., from Canton.
Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

May 8th.
Amherst, for K. C. Wan.
Cadastre, for Saigon.
Cheonghing, for Canton.
Chongya, for Pakhoi.
Doko Maru, for Keelung.
Gleniffer, for Shanghai.
Haledang, for Haiphong.
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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. **Devanha** arrived at London on May 8th, at 7 a.m.
 The R.M.S. **Empress of Japan** arrived at Nagasaki on May 9th, at 7.30 a.m., was to leave that port at 4 p.m. the same day, and is due at Kobe on May 10th, at 9 p.m.
 The T.K.K. s.s. **Siberia Maru** arrived at Yokohama on May 6th, and sailed May 8th for Honolulu and San Francisco.
 The B.I. s.s. **Takada** left Singapore on May 8th, and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about May 14th.
 The B.I. s.s. **Gagra** left Rangoon on May 7th, and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about May 20th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Ava Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 25th.
Benlawers (Ben Line), due May 13th.
Bombay Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 11th.
Empress of Asia, due May 11th.
Empress of Canada, due June 1st.
Grande Gaard (Kerr Steamship & Co.), due May 25th.
Gregory Agent (B.I.), due May 21st.
Kasung (Bank Line), due May 22nd.
Kidderpore (P. & O.), due May 19th.
Mishima Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 10th.
President Hayes (Pacific Mail), due May 21st.
Sado Maru (N.Y.K.), due June 1st.
Shingo Maru (T.K.K.), due May 16th.
Sicilia (P. & O.), due May 29th.
Takada (B.I.), due May 15th.
Tango Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 19th.
Trevelard (B.I.), due May 15th.
Wray Castle (Dodwell-Castle), due May 10th.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 9th, at 11.50.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Vladivostok, moderately from Weihaiwei to Swatow and slightly in southern districts.
 Depressions are shown in the extreme North, over the Eastern Sea, over Indo-China, and far east of Luzon.
 Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 8th May, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 15.33 inches, against an average of 13.87 inches.
 The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Forecast
 Hongkong to Cap Rock Light, variable winds; fine.
 Formosa Channel Light, variable winds, freshening from westward later.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook (No. 1).
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan (No. 1).

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 10th to 15th May, 1922.

High Water		Low Water	
Day of Week	Time	Day of Week	Time
Wed.	10 m 5.13	Thur.	11 m 5.13
Thur.	11 m 5.13	Fri.	12 m 5.13
Fri.	12 m 5.13	Sat.	13 m 5.13
Sat.	13 m 5.13	Sun.	14 m 5.13
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"DONGOLA"	8,000	24th May	do.
"KHYBER"	9,000	7th June	do.
"SICILIA"	8,700	11th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,100	21st June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,000	5th July	do.
"SOUDAN"	7,000	15th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	9,000	19th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,000	2nd Aug.	do.
"SARDINIA"	8,830	16th Aug.	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,000	30th Aug.	do.
"KALYAN"	8,957	13th Sept.	do.

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PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KAIKONG"	On 10th May, 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"HANGCHOW"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"CHICHUEN"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
CHEFOO & NEWCHOW	"CHIHUA"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & LOILO	"SHANTUNG"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	"KALGAN"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KUNGHOW"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"HUICHOW"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KWANGTUNG"	On 11th May, 10 a.m.
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PERUSA MARU	9,000	June 16th
TATYO MARU	22,000	June 21st
TAHERA MARU	20,000	July 8th
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